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In re patent application: S/N: 10/730,165 Filed 12/08/2003
Examiner: Gilbert Y. Lee Art Unit: 3673 Confirmation Number: 2173
Title: Hydro-Flex Seal And Method For Making Hydro-Flex Seal
First named inventor: Stephen A. Sekulich Attorney docket number: Seal
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the US PTO FAX No. 571-273-8300 on October 31, 2005
by James C. McLaughlin 32744. Signed:

Commissioner for Patents

This letter is a response to the examiner's communication in the paper that is assumed to be paper number one with a mailing date of October 5, 2005 that was received on October 7, 2005. This is paper number two.

IN THE CLAIMS

§1 Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-30, and claims 51-54.

REMARKS

§2 In paper one, the examiner expresses the belief that the claims in the '165 application describe three inventions. The putative inventions are expressed as sets of claims as follows: I consisting of claims 1-30; II consisting of claims 51-54; and III consisting of claims 31-50 and 55-70. The examiner requires electing one of the sets of claims.

§3 The applicant disagrees with the expressed belief of the examiner. However, the overriding desire of the applicant is to move forward with an application that has been pending for over 22 months.

§4 The applicant elects to have III examined in this application. Claims other than 31-50 and 55-70 have been canceled in this application without prejudice to the filing of divisional applications containing the canceled claims. The inventorship is unchanged.

§5 The examiner is encouraged to move the resulting application forward expeditiously.

Sincerely,

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